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1. The following information was secured on the 301st Arty Bn in RAKOVNIK (N 51/L 28):

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- 25X1 a. Quarters: Barracks northwest of RAKOVNIK, north of the road to HERRENDORF (N 51/L 28). The Motor Trans Bn was quartered in the same barracks.
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- 25X1 b. Officers of the Bn Hq: CO: Maj. TABIS; Dpty CO: Staff Capt. BUSEK.
- c. Organization: 1st Btry, CO: Staff Capt KUBICKA;
2d Btry
Sig Plat (strength: 2 officers and 86 EM).
- d. Armament: Each battery: four 150-mm howitzers of German origin.
- e. Motor vehicles: German track-laying vehicles as prime movers for howitzers. "Bedford" trucks and three-ton "Praga-RM" trucks.
- f. Signal equipment:

(1) New Czech radio sets were being tested by the battalion. The sets were experimental models which allegedly surpassed all previous types because of their efficiency and simplicity of construction. The new sets had been issued to the battalion by the Military Research Institute, PRAGUE. A Dr. DOLAN had been mentioned as signal expert of the institute. Other experimental radio sets of the same type were tested by the signal unit in BENESOV (O 50/L 95). Two sets had been sent to the Soviet Union early in April 1949. The radio sets were tested for efficiency in mountainous areas in the Tatra Mountains early in May 1949.

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25X1 (2) [redacted] following data on the new radio sets:
 Range for telegraphy: 56 miles
 Range for telephony: 18.5 miles
 German "RV" tubes were used during the tests
 25X1 [redacted] the required tubes would be purchased abroad in
 the future.

5. Training: Night practices with firing practices with live ammunition were held in the Brdy Woods in February 1949. Artillery units from HLADA BOLFSKAV (O 51/G 02), KOSTELEK nad LABEM (O 51/P 80) and FOKYCANY (N 50/L 24) participated in these practices. Firing practices with live ammunition were to be held in the same area in mid-June 1949. Combined-arms maneuvers in the area of LAZNE KYNZVART (N 51/P 56) were scheduled for August 1949.

2. [redacted] Comment:

25X1 a. The report confirmed the 201st Arty Bn [redacted] as
 being in RAKOVNIK. Differing from Military Report [redacted] of
 25X1 August 1948, the report fails to mention the 3rd Btry (Cadre)
 25X1 it is possible that the cadre batteries of the artillery battal-
 25X1 ions were dissolved because of the acute shortage of personnel.
 Further information on this subject is required.

b. The data concerning the range of the new experimental radio set appear overestimated as the set is probably only a portable one. The German "RV" tubes proved their efficiency in the former German Armed Forces.

25X1 c. [redacted] a motor transport
 25X1 battalion [redacted] stationed in RAKOVNIK. The battalion cannot be
 25X1 identified. A newspaper of February 1948 mentioned the [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] unit of the 1st MD. It appears doubtful
 25X1 that the Unit [redacted] might be an army unit since no army
 25X1 unit has been observed [redacted]

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